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SUBJECT: UNESCO 96 EXBD: US BOARD MEMBER STATEMENT ON
IMPACT IN US CONGRESS OF RESOLUTION ON
JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS

1. PARIS HERALD TRIBUNE ARTICLE ON FRONT PAGE NOV. 27
ISSUE REPORTED INTRODUCTION BY SENATOR CASE OF BILL TO
CUT-OFF US CONTRIBUTION TO UNESCO DUE PASSAGE ARAB-
MOSLEM RESOLUTION CUTTING OFF PROGRAM AID TO ISRAEL
UNTIL JERUSALEM EXCAVATIONS STOPPED AND GOI FAILURE TO
GAIN ENTRY TO EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP. BOARD MEMBER
SCHERER, ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, MADE FOLLOWING EXPLANA-
TORY STATEMENT AT NOV. 27 SESSION:

"MR. CHAIRMAN:

"IT IS WITH REGRET THAT I REPORT TO YOU AND THE EXECUTIVE
BOARD THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SENTIMENT IN THE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, OF WHICH I AM A FORMER
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MEMBER, TO CUT OFF FUNDS FOR UNESCO. I ASSUME YOU READ

IN THE MORNING PRESS, THAT SENATOR CASE, ONE OF THE
LIBERAL MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE WHO HERETO-
FORE HAS BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS
AND UNESCO, HAS INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO DO SO.

"IT IS MY OPINION, IF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
WERE CALLED UPON TODAY TO ACT UPON THE SENATOR'S PRO-
POSALS IT WOULD BE ADOPTED. THIS SENTIMENT AGAINST
UNESCO HAS DEVELOPED IN THE UNITED STATES BECAUSE
MORE AND MORE UNESCO IS IGNORING ITS CHARTER, WHICH RE-
QUIRES IT TO ENGAGE AND PROMOTE EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC
AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS AND INSTEAD HAS ENGAGED IN HIGHLY
CONTROVERSIAL AND QUESTIONABLE POLITICAL CONFRONTATIONS."
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